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SUBJECT: PREP MEETING FOR WMO NAOS CONFERENCE

1. PREPARATORY MEETING TO WMO CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARY DELEGATIONS ON NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN STATIONS (NAOS) ELECTED POSTMA (NETH) AS CHAIRMAN. FOURTEEN MEMBERS AND TWO OBSERVERS (ROMANIA AND USA) TAKING PART. TWENTY-TWO MEMBERS AND THREE OBSERVERS EXPECTED AT PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE.

2. IN REVIEW OF FUTURE ARRANGEMENTS, SEVERAL DELEGATES EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER SMALL NUMBER ATTENDANCE AND HIGH COSTS TO BE BORN BY POSSIBLE PARTICIPANTS IN NEW TREATY. UK STATED THEY WOULD PARTICIPATE ONLY IF MINIMUM OF FOUR STATIONS COULD BE OPERATED.

3. SOVIET DELEGATE HAS INDICATE INTEREST IN OPERATING A STATION, PROBABLY NEAR LOCATION D. OTHER DELEGATIONS EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER COST OF SUPPORT OF SUCH STATION, WHICH WILL, IF MANNED FROM ODESSA, NEED THREE VESSELS, USSR SUGGESTED CEILING FOR ALL OPERATORS AND WOULD ABSORB ADDITIONAL COSTS THEMSELVES.

4. NO FIRM PROPOSALS FOR SHARING COSTS HAS YET EVOLVED. EXPECT THAT SEVERAL ALTERNATIVES WILL BE PRESENTED TO PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCES.

5. A LARGE NUMBER OF AMENDMENTS BEING PROPOSED FOR DRAFT OF UNCLASSIFIED

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AGREEMENT THAT HAD BEEN WORKED OUT BE EARLIER INFORMAL MEETINGS.

STILL APPEAR TO BE SUBSTANTIAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN STATES LIKELY
TO BE OPERATORS OF SHIPS AND THOSE EXPECTED TO MAKE CASH
CONTRIBUTIONS.

6. PREP MEETING WILL FINISH FRIDAY PM.DALE

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